

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend page 1, beginning on line 1 as follows:

Description A METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT OF A METAL SUBSTRATE, AND CORRESPONDING PRODUCT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following heading to page 1, line 16 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 7 and ending on line 22 as follows:

Painting products designed for the specific use are constituted by a solution or dispersion of one or more resins or polymers in a solvent, which may be an organic mixture or a mixture of water and organic solvents. There are moreover present other components, such as catalysts, plasticizers, ~~???~~extenders, lubricants and possible pigments and organic additives.

Listed below are the types of coatings currently used:

- undercoats and ~~???~~anchoring agents;
- white enamels;
- epoxyphenolic paints;
- colourless overprinting paints;
- organosol paints; and
- printer's ~~inks~~inks.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 as follows:

The main factors that affect the adherence of paint/ink to the substrate are:

- chemical characteristics of structure of the resins constituting the film;
- surface characteristics of the substrate, which can be put down to the state of passivation/oxidation in the case of metal laminates;
- type and level of lubrication of the substrate; and
- correct ~~???quantity~~ quantity in grams per unit surface and baking/cross-linking of the film applied.

Please add the following heading on page 7, line 8 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS